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| Serial No.: 10/530,883 |) | Confirmation No.: 9237 |
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| Filed: April 11, 2005 |) | <u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</u> |
| |) | <u>STATEMENT</u> |
| Atty. File No.: 3688KE-1 |) | |
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| For: "SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE |) | |
| AND METHOD OF PRODUCING |) | |
| THE SAME, AND POWER |) | |
| CONVERSION APPARATUS |) | |
| INCORPORATING THIS |) | |
| SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE " |) | |

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The references cited on attached Form PTO-SB08 are being called to the attention of the Examiner.

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☒ Other: PCT Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, International Application No. PCT/JP2004/011936, dated May 18, 2006.

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